

Dear LPRO Analyst Gezelter,

As a rancher this gross receipts tax will increase the costs of all our equipment and supplies. We ranchers cannot increase the price of our product to cover the extra costs since our product is sold via market not cost+profit margin. Off-road fuel is a large expense to our operation and it is not excluded. This is basically a back door sales tax and the impact should be analyzed carefully. Economic development is extremely important to rural Oregon. Why would outside business ventures want to come to Oregon and be taxed to death. This is short term revenue that will push businesses out of Oregon, reducing overall Oregon taxes down the road.

Sincerely,

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